

To: Young, Mark  
From: Brown, Greg  
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Mark,  
I thought you might be interested in having this information.

Greg

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From: Dogali, Ellen T.  
To: BROWNG2  
Subject: Sting Operations in Rockland County, NY  
Posted: 02/14/97 20:14  
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Dear Greg:

As I mentioned at our division meeting of February 14, there is a sting operation occurring in Rockland County, New York. The Association for the Cruelty to Minors is going to many retail accounts and harrasing store owners. This association is hiring 17 year old minors to go into the store and try to buy cigarettes. The only unethical problem to this, is that the 17 year old boys have beards and mustaches so they look a lot older than they are. This is confusing the clerks who work the stores at night. Many of the clerks do not proof these minors because they think the minors are over the age of 21. When the minors do buy the cigarettes, the association comes in and harrasses the clerks, calls the police and fines the clerks \$250. One of the clerks had a summons for an arrest.

This was happening a lot to one of my stores in Tappan. Nick Graziano who ownes the Dairy Mart asked me if I can help him in any way. I called Rory and he gave me Elizabeth Gallagher's phone number in turn I gave it to Nick. Elizabeth gave Nick Constance Barrella who is the President and CEO of the New York Association of Convenience Store phone number. She is also helping Nick and other retailers in Rockland County help with this problem.

There will be a meeting on February 26, 1997 at Bishop's Restaurant, Route 303 in Tappan, NY. Besides most of the retailers in Rockland County, many of the wholesalers will be present. Also a lawyer from BAT and Sales Representatives who handle this county.

As I mentioned today, I would appreciate it if I could attend this meeting to listen to all the problems these retailers are having and what can be done about it. Remember once it starts in Rockland County, it will go across the border to Bergen County.

Sincerely,

Ellen Dogali

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